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Art Unit: 1614

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FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES EMPLOYING AN AP2
INHIBITOR AND COMBINATION

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2001 Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the case and pass all pending claims to allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

01/24/02 MD

Kindly cancel claims 3, 4, 12, 13, and 16-20, without prejudice to pursue such claims in a continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Applicants herein cancel claims 16-20, which are drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants additionally cancel claims 12 and 13, which are drawn to a non-elected specie.